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To,  
Instructional Quality Committee  
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Sacramento, California

Respected Commission members,

**Subject:** Request to add reference to Chanakya - Hindu Economist, Political Scientist and educator in Line 922 of Sixth Grade Framework

My name is Rahul Chikka and I am a sophomore at Tracy High School, Tracy Unified School District, California. On Friday, 22-Jan-2016 I had come to Sacramento and personally requested changes to your recent 6<sup>th</sup> grade framework to correct many of the omissions and inaccuracies regarding the way Hinduism is portrayed. This letter is a written version of that request.

Hinduism should be taught with dignity, just like any other religion. But where is the dignity when we see numerous contributions made by Hindu scholars being ignored ?

I would like to highlight one famous economist, Chanakya, who lived around 350-275 BCE. He was the teacher and political mentor for Chandragupta Maurya, founder of the Gupta Dynasty. He was an Indian teacher, Philosopher, Jurist and above all, an Economist. He wrote the political treatise, the Arthashastra covering economics, politics, and ethics for administration. Chanakya is considered as the pioneer of the field of political science and economics in India, and his work is a precursor to classical economics.

In today's world, economy is a very important part of our lives. I am surprised that the recent framework does not mention Chanakya nor his contributions. If students learn about him, they will understand how ancient India was well advanced in economic studies. Hence, I humbly request you to provide a description about Chanakya and his legacy in line 922 of your most recent framework. This suggestion was also submitted by the Hindu Education Foundation Edit #20.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Rahul Chikka